

LOCAL ADVERTISING. Hereafter the following charges will be made on reading notices inserted in The Standard: Church Notices, Sunday Services, 5c. per line of six words. Church Concerts, Church Festivals, Lodge Concerts and Notices, and all other notices of meetings, 10c. per line of six words. Double rates for back page. NO MORE FREE LOCALS.

AROUND THE CITY

Policeman McLaren Ill. Policeman James McLaren who does night duty at central station was obliged to remain at home yesterday through illness.

Property Owners Reported. The police have reported Miss Donker who owns the building 39 and 41 King Street and Fraser, Fraser and Co., at 223 Union street for not having proper water conductors on their buildings.

Zion Church's Y. P. A. The Zion Methodist Church's Young People's Alliance held their weekly meeting last night—topic "Citizenship." Addresses were made by Alderman C. T. Jones, Rev. Wm. Lawson, and John Hargreaves.

Halifax Diver May Come. The progress made in raising the tur Lily has been very unsatisfactory during the past few days, and if the diver does not make headway in progress today the contractor in charge says he will arrange for a Halifax diver to do the work.

Fairville Firemen "On a Time." The members of the Fairville fire department enjoyed a sleigh drive last night. There was a large crowd present and after calling at a couple of the fire stations in the city they drove out the Marsh Road a distance and on their return to Fairville were served with refreshments. A most delightful time was enjoyed by all.

Sent Home To Penfield. Elmer D. McLean, aged 21 years, was taken in charge of the police yesterday for wandering about the city. The young man was visited by Dr. D. E. Berryman last evening at the Central police station, and on the latter's advice the man will be placed on board a train and sent to his home in Penfield. It is thought that the young man is demented.

They Want Light. The residents of Douglas avenue have been greatly annoyed by the fact that the street lights in front of the houses of F. Munro and L. C. Prime have not been lighted during the past few nights. The avenue in front of these two houses is very dark on the best of nights, but with the existing conditions these places are very dangerous to wayfarers.

Last Time for the Inferno. The last opportunities to see Dante's Inferno, pronounced to be the greatest and most sensational effect in motion photography ever presented to the people of St. John will be given in the Opera House today at the matinee and evening performances. The rapid increase in the patronage which has been accorded to this attraction since it was first shown on Wednesday evening, is the best tribute that can be made to its merit. All who appreciate a truly marvellous exhibition should not miss a chance to see it again today.

Drumming Up the Boys. The young men of the board of trade who are promoting the Back to New Brunswick movement, are desirous that people in the city and county generally will send the names and addresses of any friends or relatives who are now living in other parts. Application is being made to the newspapers to furnish lists of subscribers in other parts of the city and in the United States, and the people can greatly assist the movement by sending in to Secretary Anderson at the board of trade rooms, the names and addresses of former New Brunswickers. When the old home week was held in St. John some years ago, the promoters received a great deal of this kind of help.

May Build Sky Scraper. Scovill Bros. Ltd., of Oak Hall are among the city firms which are looking forward to a bigger and better St. John. Some time ago they acquired the succession to the lease of the Hall building, which adjoins Oak Hall, and which is now occupied by Hall's book store, Green's cigar store and W. H. Irvine's jewelry store. Although the present leases do not expire until May 1915, it is understood Scovill Bros. are considering plans for enlarging their premises by adding several storeys to the Hall building and their present premises. It is said their idea is to put up an eight storey building, but that the fire underwriters are opposed to the construction of a building of that height, because they don't think the water pressure at the corner of Germain and King streets is sufficient to warrant the erection of a building of eight storeys there.

The Builders' Exchange. A meeting of the builders' exchange was held last evening in their hall in the market building, at which various features of the movement to revise the building by-laws was discussed at length. Many suggestions were put forward, and it was decided to call another meeting next Friday evening to continue the discussion, and get views in shape for presentation to the committee of the city council. One thing the builders advocate is that provision should be made to permit entrance upon another man's property for the purpose of repairing a building under clearly defined conditions. A communication was received from the Canadian builders' exchange requesting the local exchange to send delegates to a convention which will be held in Toronto shortly. No action was taken on the communication, but it is expected that a delegate will be sent. Hon. Robert Maxwell presided and there was a good attendance of members.

WIFE DID TURKISH DANCE WHILE HUSBY POUNDED THE DRUM

There was Plenty of Talent in Tom Ferris' Vaudeville Company but its Career was Brief.

The hearing of the charges of improper conduct made against Thomas Ferris and Barbara Habab by the latter's husband was resumed in the police court yesterday afternoon in the presence of many spectators, mostly Assyrians.

Joseph Habab gave evidence that he first arrived in Canada in June, having come from Boston and went to Montreal. His wife and he had separated because she became a member of a vaudeville troupe. He admitted that he had been arrested in Boston for beating his wife and was sentenced to a term of three days. He went to Montreal and joined the troupe because his wife sent for him and he travelled with her, finally coming to St. John in October with Ferris and others to reside. It was about a month ago that he first saw his wife and Ferris together, and he spoke to both of them about it. He said that he had not been arrested through spite.

John Habab, a stepson of the complainant, testified that with his mother he had been in St. John about five months and he never heard his father say anything to Ferris. He had asked his father when his mother was going to get out of jail, and the father told him that she would probably get out on Monday, that he was keeping her there for spite.

Thomas Ferris, the defendant, took the stand and denied all that had been said about him by the complainant. He said that when he left the States he was the manager of a vaudeville company composed of ten women and ten men. He performed on the violin, Mrs. Habab did a Turkish dance and her husband beat the drum. After playing at Fredericton the company went to Woodstock where they disbanded and came to St. John, and six of the party, including Mr. and Mrs. Habab, resided with him in a house he had rented from Thomas Habab. Witness said that there was a quarrel between Mr. and Mrs. Habab and that he told them to leave about Christmas time. Mr. Habab remained in the house for a few days and his wife went to Michael George's house. Witness said he was a married man and never was intimate with Habab's wife.

CAPTAIN JOHN H. PRATT MARRIES IN NEW YORK

Well Known Navigator Principal in Happy Event on January 29th—Now Commands Large Passenger Steamer.

Captain John H. Pratt, formerly of this city and known as one of the most popular commanders sailing out of this port, is now open for the most hearty congratulation. He has sprung a great surprise on his many friends here who will be pleased to learn that he was the principal in a very happy event.

On Monday, January 29th last, the good looking skipper was united in marriage to Mrs. Theresa P. Fuller in New York City. Mrs. Pratt will be at home to her friends after February 10th at her residence, 331 West 24th street.

Captain Pratt is now the commander of a large ocean going passenger steamer which is plying between New York and Florida, and his well-earned success since leaving this city is learned with pleasure by his many friends.

PARTINGTON CO. WANTS A FIXED ASSESSMENT

County Council will Hold Special Meeting Wednesday to Consider Request which May Lead to Development.

A special meeting of the county council will be held next Wednesday at 10 o'clock in the evening at the request of The Partington Pulp and Paper Company that their assessment be fixed for a period of 15 years. The company is now assessed at something over \$200,000, and pays over \$4,000 in taxes. It is said that if the county authorities agree to fix the assessment at the present figure for a period of 15 years, the company will at once enlarge its plant and double its output of pulp. For some time the company has been considering the question of establishing a large paper mill in connection with its pulp mill, but it is not expected that it will proceed with this project for some time.

The company is paying the expenses of the special meeting of the county council, which are in the neighborhood of \$200.

Real Estate Activity in South End. Options have recently been taken on a number of properties on the shores of Lower Cove. No information as to the object of the parties taking the option is vouchsafed, but the report which meets with most credit is that the land is wanted for railway purposes. Another rumor is to the effect that the land is wanted for industrial purposes.

Happy Days Recalled. In the rooms of the Natural History Society yesterday afternoon Miss Ruth Coster gave an interesting lecture dealing with the scenic beauty of the neighborhood of Upper James Bay, Portobello and Little River, where the girls' camp was held last summer. By means of the reflectoscope, a number of views of the scenes taken by the girls were shown.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY WILL BE ON AT CHANGE FOR THE TAX ASSESSORS

One Result of High Prices Offered and Asked for Land will be Higher Tax Valuations.

As one result of the boom both the county and city authorities are wearing broad smiles. Industrially they read the reports of real estate transactions, marvel at the prices mentioned, and joyfully figure out how much money they can raise by adjusting the assessment for taxation to the new valuations reported in the press.

When the assessors get to work in the spring it is said there will be a great increase in the assessment valuations of many properties in the parishes of Simonds and Lancaster. Up to the present valuations for assessment of the east of Courtenay Bay land which has been assessed for a few dollars an acre has been sold, according to the reports at prices of about \$1000 an acre. The county authorities believe that when they put the purchase on the stand some of them will tell stories about the prices paid somewhat different from those in circulation now, but they expect to be able to considerably increase the county assessment as a result of the boom in property values. Such an outcome will not be regarded with disapproval by the people of the city, as it has been felt for some time that the city ratepayers were contributing more than a fair share of the county taxes.

It is anticipated that as a result of the boom in realty and the application of the land tax, a considerable amount of leasehold property will be thrown on the market. There has been some complaint that the leasehold system which prevails so extensively in St. John has operated to prevent the building up of the city. It is claimed that occupiers of leasehold property are discouraged from putting up expensive buildings. But there is another side of the question which deserves consideration. The system of renewal leases prevailing here has been more favorable to the tenant than the landlord, and has undoubtedly operated to keep down the cost of housing accommodation. Occupiers of lots held under renewal leases from the city or private estates are only paying a nominal rental for their land; in many cases the rents were fixed many years ago, and the landlords have reaped no advantage from the general development of the city. It might readily be argued that the leasehold system does not necessarily discourage the holder of a lease from putting up an expensive building. In fact it might be supposed to work the other way. The leaseholder does not stand to lose anything, because the landlord must pay for improvements before he can revoke the lease, and in many cases the leaseholder's ground rent is hardly equal to the tax on the land.

One of the probable effects of the boom in the organization of big companies to take over leasehold property, abolish the present check on high rents and pave the way for a full-fledged system of landlordism.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCN. FORMED IN SIMONDS NO. 2

Supporters of Good Government Formed Conservative Association at Gardiner's Creek.

Electors of the Parish of Simonds No. 2, met in Carson's hall, Gardiner's Creek, on Wednesday night, and formed the Gardiner's Creek Conservative Association. Long before the hour of meeting the hall was crowded with supporters of honest and good government. Mr. Earle Logan was elected chairman of the meeting and after the constitution was adopted, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- Hon. President, Hon. J. D. Hazen, M. P. President, Mariner Cairns. Vice-president, John Wallace. Secretary Albert Moore. Treasurer, William Cunningham. Executive committee—William Mahwinney, George Loughery and Chester Brown. Audit committee—John Robinson and James Benjamin.

After routine business was concluded the meeting was addressed by Warden Thomas B. Carson, J. O. Mosher, Manford Schoales, president of the St. Martins' Conservative Club, and G. Earle Logan.

Now for Your New Summer Dress

At this time of year the ladies are supposed to get busy and make up their spring and summer garments and the news that F. A. Dykeman & Co. have just received over two thousand yards of the daintiest summer wash materials will be of interest to these persons. The bordered Linette Muslins which they are showing are perhaps the most attractive and daintiest dress materials that have been shown in many years. They have a comparatively plain body with a very lively contrasting border. These goods can be made up in such a way as to give the garment a real Parisian appearance. The cost of these new materials is very moderate, from 15 cents to 25 cents a yard.

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Miss Driscoll, of the Marr Millinery Co., left on the C. P. R. last night for Montreal, Toronto and New York. Band at the Vic this afternoon.



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FREE HEMMING IN THE LINEN ROOM

Come to the February Sale of Clothing

Spring Goods Arriving For All Departments. New Vellings in Russian Net, black and colors, yard 20c to 60c. Mourning Veils, Motor Veiling. Silk Hose in black, white, tan, pair \$1.25 to \$3.00. Fancy Ribbons, new Spring shades, with velvet stripes, yard 25c to 40c. Taffeta Ribbon, special, yard 7c to 20c. Ribbon Rosas with Folage, each 25c to \$1.00. Colored Linen for Embroidery, sky, pink, green and natural, yard 45c and 50c. New Laundry Bags, each 25c to 75c. Canvas and Materials for Cross Stitch Work. Corticell and Belding Embroidery Silks. ANNEX.

This is the Second Week of the Annual Spring Sale of Men's and Boys' Furnishings. Come This Morning for Great Bargains in Collars, Cuffs, Underwear, Sweaters, Umbrellas, Braces, Ties, Half Hose, Handkerchiefs, Shirts. A big saving also on Leather Goods and Trunks. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.